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St Mary's Parish Time & Talent

Dear Parishioners,

Since coming out of lockdown, the parish has experienced a significant decline in our capacity to provide for our own needs and outreach to others.

Our community needs our people to be involved - as we continue to strive in our vision of *being a vibrant Christian community engaging with the world*. Your involvement, as has been the involvement of so many over the years, has given St Mary's the ability to grow strong.

Aging, hesitancy with returning post lockdown and losing some key people has impacted us heavily.

If you are able to help in some way please indicate your interest, below, so that we can pull together as we try to live the mission we have as a faith community, to each other and the world.

With thanks

Fr Steven Rigo, (Parish Priest) Jacinta Bright (Pastoral Associate), Elizabeth Whiting (Chair of St Mary's parish Pastoral Council)

CONTACT DETAILS:

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Of course, some of the activities listed may require training or which we will provide.

Please tick any options below to express your interest:

Outreach and Community:

- Funeral Ministry** *As needed, supporting families along with the presiding Priest, in planning, in the church and at times at the graveside*
- Catering after funerals** *As a member of a team - when available*
- Bereavement Support Group** *Sending cards to bereaved families and holding monthly memorial Masses and morning tea as well as the November memorial evening Mass*
- Prayer Shawl Ministry** *Knitting or crocheting shawls and rugs for the sick, lonely, bereaved etc. Group meets to create and chat every Monday morning.*
- St Vincent de Paul Society** *Outreach to people in financial need*
- Social Justice Group** *Raising awareness & working for social justice*
- Passionist Family Groups** *Small groups with a purely social focus*
- Ladies Auxiliary** *Fundraising for the parish - and social*
- Library Committee** *Administration of our parish library*
- Friendship Group** *Social group 50 +*
- Inter-Church Council** *Planning joint (Ecumenical) initiatives*
- Parish Child Safety Committee** *Overseeing the implementation of our Child Safety Policies & Procedures*
- Parish Fete Committee** *plan and run the annual Parish fete*

Liturgy & Worship:

- Liturgy Group** *Plans & organizes Liturgies*
- Children's Liturgy of the Word at Mass** *10.00 am Sunday Masses, help children in understanding the readings - Team*
- Music Ministry for Children** *At 6.30 pm vigil Mass, assist children to join in - final hymn*
- Welcoming at Masses** - Team
- Ministers of Eucharist** *Assist with the distribution of Communion at weekend Masses*
- Communion to the Sick** *On a roster (Friday mornings)*
- Lectors and Prayer Leaders** *Proclaim the readings at weekend Masses and read Intercessions*
- Musicians/ Choir/ Singers** *Weekend Masses*
- Altar server** *Once a child has received their First Eucharist assist the presiding Priest during Mass*
- Sacristans** *Prepare the requirements for weekday and/or weekend Masses*
- Liturgy of the Word** - Team
- Mass collectors and counters** *Assist with collections at weekend Masses and then as part of a team, count the monies collected, preparing for banking*
- Operating Data Projector at Mass & other liturgies** - Team

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- Altar Society** - Clean altar linen and arrange flowers for Mass
- Providing transport to Mass for fellow parishioners** - Roster

Formation in Faith

- Scripture (Bible) study** *understanding books of the Bible*
- Baptism Preparation Team** *supports families seeking baptism of the babies and small children*
- Rite of Christian Initiation Adult (RCIA)** *supports adolescents & adults to explore the Catholic Faith with some deciding to be Received into the Church*
- Sunday Religious Education/Catechists** - Team. *Supporting the formation in faith of children attending Government schools*
- Ignatian Prayer Group** - Friday mornings

Leadership

- Parish Finance Committee** *Assist with the administration of Parish finances*
- Parish Pastoral Council** *Determine and enable ways the Parish strives towards our Vision and Mission*
- Strategic Planning Committee** *for the parish property*

Administration

- Parish Office** *Word, Excel, Publisher, Outlook, people skills*